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Mayors urge Ottawa to keep money coming

POLITICS Canada's big city mayors are urging the federal government to keep billions of dollars in infrastructure money flowing as the country enters a new era of restraint.

The group — including HRM Mayor Peter Kelly — wants Ottawa to extend the \$4-billion federal infrastructure stimulus fund for at least six months past the March 2011 dead-line — and consider more funding even as it looks to save money elsewhere.

They're also urging the government to resist the urge to cut other programs including the gas tax fund and GST rebates that help municipalities build and repair roads, bridges, sewer systems and other infrastructure.

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Former NHL player Mike Danton speaks to the media Thursday at Saint Mary's University. Danton, convicted in 2004 of conspiracy to commit murder and having served five years in prison, is enrolled at the school and will suit up for the hockey team.

anton's come

Ex-NHLer looking to make most of second chance with Huskies

MATTHEW WUEST

Mike Danton strolled calmly into The Tower at Saint Mary's University Thursday wearing a base-ball shirt and jeans, fresh out of psychology class.

If you didn't know his story — a brief NHL career followed by a five-year prison term for plotting to murder his former agent you wouldn't have guessed it, at least until you saw the swarm of meand cameras that awaited inside.

"Excuse the dress code," he said with a grin in his first public appearance since enrolling at Saint Mary's. "I wasn't going to wear a suit to (class), so "I've already got three strikes. If I screw this up, there's absolutely nothing else for me.' Mike Danton

this is me in school."

The high-profile 29-yearold is far from just another student in school, admitting he got "double and triple looks" his first week on campus. He was released from prison on parole in September and is now attempting his hockey comeback at the Atlantic University Sport level with the Huskies.

Danton, who has faced criticism in some circles for the move, spoke with great composure and didn't stray far from script, saying he is here to put his past behind him.

"I think we've all made mistakes," Danton said. The severity of those mistakes is what differs, but when it comes down to it, I think everybody deserves a second chance. Where would we be if we weren't given second chances?"

Asked if he was too old to play university hockey, Danton said, "Is 29 really that old? Cut me some slack.

No one knows when Danton will play for the Huskies. He only practised for the first time Wednesday, and, according to head coach Trevor Stienburg, "doesn't deserve to get in the lineup" yet. Car-dio fitness is his biggest is-SHE

But calling himself "a student-athlete, not an athlete-student," Danton said he's here to get a sociology degree and work toward a job in sports psychology or coaching.

He still aspires to play pro hockey, but considers Saint Mary's a long-term stop in his rehabilitation.

"I've already got three strikes." Danton said. "If I screw this up, there's absolutely nothing else for

To read the full transcript of Mike Danton's metronews.ca/

A salve for the winter parking ban

MONIQUE MUISE



OVERNIGHT You still won't be able to park on the street, but finding a place to put your car overnight in downtown Halifax may get easier starting this weekend.

The Waterfront Development Corporation said Thursday it will charge a flat rate of \$6 to park anytime between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. in its four pay-and-display lots on Lower Water Street. The rate

would normally be \$3 per hour.

bad it "We're going **didn't** to see how it works out, and start hopefully other earlier. property ownbut ers will come we're on board," said Halifax Downglad it's town Coun. here." Dawn Sloane, Coun who came up with the idea Dawn in partnership Sloane

with the WDCL and Brian Doherty, owner of the Old Triangle pub on Prince Street.

"It's too bad it didn't start earlier, but we're glad it's here nonetheless. Parking on city streets between 1 and 7 a.m. is

currently illegal in HRM in accordance with the municipality's winter parking ban. Sloane has opposed the ban from the beginning, saying it makes no sense to enforce it when there is no snow on the ground.

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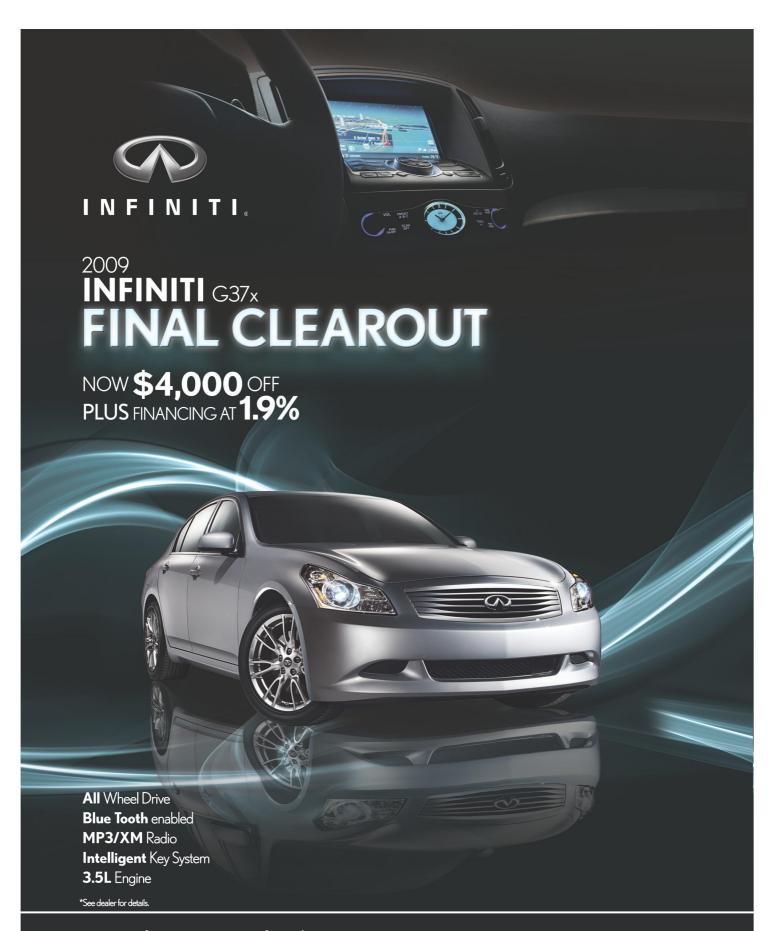


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Updated photo of missing sex offender

Halifax Regional Police released a new photo of Joseph Jacko Obed, left, a convicted sex of-fender who has a warrant out for his arrest after allegedly signing out of a local halfway house Monday and not returning. Obed was serving the last third of a two-year federal term at the halfway house for four break and enters from 2008, and for failing to adhere to the rules of the national sex registry. Police released a new photo because there have been changes to his appearance.

head injured

CRIME Police have charged a 25-year-old Halifax man with aggravated assault after an incident at a downtown bar sent a man to hospital with a serious head injury early Thursday.

Ionathan Lawrence Briggs was to appear in Halifax provincial court on Thursday in relation to an incident on Grafton Street outside of Cheers at about 2:30 a.m.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Čonst. Brian Palmeter said an altercation broke out inside the bar between two

A 22-year-old man fell to the ground after being pushed out a door and struck his head on a sidewalk outside Cheers. Police say the man was unconscious and bleeding from the head when officers arrived on the

"There was some kind of communication between the two individuals inside, at which time the victim was pushed out the door," Palmeter said.

Palmeter said police don't believe the incident began as a consensual fight. PHILIP CROLICHER/METRO HALLEAX

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Assault charge laid after man's Negotiations questioned

NDP, CUPE leaders faked tough contract talks: Opposition

PAUL MCLEOD paul.mcleod@metronews.ca

Opposition leaders are accusing the NDP and union leaders of being in cahoots and faking tough negotiations.

Monday morning's lastminute deal between the province and the Canadian Union of Public Employees was just political theatre, say Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil and Tory Leader Karen Casev.

CUPE was representing 4,000 rural health-care workers.
"At the end of the day,

the union got exactly what they asked for months ago," McNeil said.

"In my view, the union leadership and this government were using rank-andfile members of CUPE as a pawn."

Casey said a deal could have been made in October, but needlessly pushing to the 11th hour caused cancelled surgeries and wasted resources.

"It was really, I believe, a game. It's typical of a pat-



Progressive Conservative Leader Karen Casey questions the ne gotiations and timing behind the NDP's last-minute deal with rural health-care workers.

tern this government has already established," she said.

Deputy Premier Frank Corbett quickly dismissed the charges. He had some shots of his own, saying the Liberals have consistently shown no value for Nova Scotians and don't get how collective bargaining works.

He said charges: "He basically throws a large pail of water and hopes it hits some-

The contract for CUPE

"It's a matter of just not one side

capitulating and saying, 'That's it."

Frank Corbett, deputy premier

health workers gives a retroactive 2.9 per cent raise to April 1 and one per cent raises this and next year. Effectively, it gives CUPE members the parity with Capital Health they had been seeking.

Corbett defended the timing of the deal, saying it simply took that long to be worked out.

"There were two parties, and it takes two parties to agree on the issues at hand. So that took us to eight o'clock on Monday morning to get to it," he said.
"It's a matter of just not one side capitulating and saying, 'That's it,'" he said.

The issue is likely to keep recurring as the govern-ment has approximately 200 contracts to negotiate in the coming year.

News in brief

COURT The court case against a Kentville smoke-shop owner who refuses to remove tobacco displays from his store has been delayed again. Bob Gee of Maders Tobacco appeared in Kentville provincial court Thursday on a charge of illegally displaying tobacco products. Gee said he was prepared to make his argument, but the Crown wasn't prepared for the constitutional challenge, so the case was adjourned until THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Video Controversial former NHLer Mike Danton addresses the media on his plans to play university hockey in Halifax at metronews.ca/canada

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Two men facing child-pornography charges

CRIME Two residents of HRM are facing childpornography charges.

A 54-year-old Sackville man will appear in court at a later date on charges of accessing, possessing and producing child pornography after Halifax Regional Police say they seized a computer hard drive containing child pornography

last Friday after a complaint came in regarding its contents from a local computer shop.

The next day, police conducted a search at a residence on Smokey Drive in Lower Sackville and say they seized two desktop computers and three external hard drives.

We're not alleging he

was actually filming (child pornography) this pornography) — this would be in the production of CDs," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter. "We're alleging he's making CD movies with the clips he's downloading."

The man was arrested on Wednesday. Police haven't released his name.

On Thursday, Halifax RCMP announced that Kevin D'Entremont, 39, RCMP has been charged with possessing, accessing and distributing child pornography after police conducted a search at a home on Eisner Street in Timberlea. D'Entremont is due in court at a later date.

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Film Nova Scotia and the Independent Production Fund are working on a pilot project to support the growth of new media production in the province. Film Nova Scotia is contributing \$100,000 to secure two projects for Nova Scotia-based creators and producers of web drama, with proposals due by March 31. METRO HALIFAX

Schools need at least \$36M: Group HRM, N.S.

Lack of funding will result in 'serious consequences' education partners tell NDP



School boards in Nova Scotia will be facing some "impossible choices" if the provincial government doesn't channel new money into public classrooms, a group of education partners said Thursday.

Representatives from five different organizations representing school boards, teachers, administrators and parents came together at Ian Forsyth Elementary in Dartmouth to ask the NDP government to allot at least \$36 million in new funding for schools in its spring budget.

They say that's the absolute minimum required to maintain the current sys-

Teachers have been doing everything they can to make the system work, but it's come to the point now that if we don't get funding we're looking at serious consequences," said Alexis Allen, president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

According to Allen, some those consequences could include 800 fewer classroom teachers, cuts to special education programs, and school closures.

"We are sensitive to where the economy is and the position the government is in ... but if we do not get that \$36 million, a combination of those things will happen," she said. "There are no ifs, ands

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Grade 4 students at Ian Forsyth Elementary School in Dartmouth answer questions during their morning math class on Thursday. Representatives from five different educational organizations came together at the school Thursday to ask that the NDP government pump at least \$36 million in new funding into the province's public education system.

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Allen said an independent report on the state of the province's schools initially indicated the schools would need a minimum of \$50 million, but the education partners quickly realized that

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was "unrealistic" in the present economic climate.

The NDP are currently staring down the barrel of a \$525 million deficit, and are conducting a series of town hall-style meetings throughout Nova Scotia to gather public input on how to fix the province's finances.

Janet Walsh, president of the Federation of home and School Associations, said she hopes schools will be a main topic of conversation at the sessions

"These students are going to be the plumbers that we need, the physicians, the nurses," Walsh said. "If they lack something today that they need, we'll see that further along ... they need to have a sound education."

swap land in Halifax

HRM have completed a land swap involving peninsula Halifax.

Under the deal HRM gives the province the Birks site on Barrington Street and the site of the former Queen Elizabeth High School. In exchange, HRM receives part of the former Infirmary Hospital land. HRM is also giving the province \$1.9 million because the land it is receiving has a higher val-

HRM is planning to build a new central library on the infirmary land. The province doesn't yet know what it will do with its property.

'Åt this stage we don't have anything definite (planned)," said Transporta-tion and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Bill Estabrooks. "Of course, we're under some pretty strict financial restrictions and confines. There's various plans and various suggestions, but none of them I'm prepared, at this stage, to take forward to the cabi-

He said the options on the table include leasing the land to developers. The Barrington Street site is being eyed as possible new government office space. But in the meantime Estabrooks said the province will not be moving quickly on the decision.

"At this stage it's a parking lot. It'll remain that way for a couple of years for sure," he said.

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ELECTRICITY Nova Scotians will soon be getting even more of their electricity from renewable energy

Nova Scotia Power announced Thursday it has awarded six new wind energy contracts to small, community-based projects throughout the province. Ten different projects will go ahead under the contracts, and they are expected to generate a total of 18.95 megawatts of electricity.

A request for proposals for the power projects was issued in December 2008. The utility says that by

the end of 2010, renewables should account for around 16 per cent of all electricity sales in the province. METRO HALIFAX

How would you fix the deficit? SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY SINCE 1802 MEETINGS Graham Steele's on the list of stops is penin-

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financial support of the Canadian International Development Agency

budget salvage road show kicks off Friday in Sydney.

The provincial finance minister will be holding 26 town hall meetings in 16 communities to get citizen input on how to climb out of deficit. Specifically, they're looking at what should be cut and what taxes should be raised.

"What we're going to try to do in this dialogue is really, essentially to force Nova Scotians to confront the real questions that governments have to confront,' Steele said.

One area noticeably not

sula Halifax. Instead meetings will be held in four other HRM locations - Dartmouth, Tantallon, Eastern and Lower Passage Sackville. Steele said this is by design.

"Traditionally people from outlying areas have always been expected to come into the peninsula for meetings. This time we're just going out to those communities," he said.

"I know that people on the peninsula can find their way out to those communities.

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TRAVEL Almost two million people visited Nova Scotia in the first 11 months of last year. The 1.986.700 people who came to the province is up about one per cent - or 17,800 visits - compared to the same period for 2008. But the government says the number of nights hotel rooms were sold was down four per cent, or about 92,800 room nights between January and November. Domestic travel to Nova Scotia grew two per cent, while the number of visitors from Ontario and Atlantic Canada was up four per cent and two per cent respectively. METRO HALIFAX

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Harper confirms civic centre funding

\$10M pledged to build facility in Truro

The dream has become a reality.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced \$10 million Thursday towards central Nova Scotia's long discussed civic centre on behalf of the federal government.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Truro civic centre is now a reality," Defence Minister Peter MacKay said to a loud applause at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre. "As you can see, prime minister, we all like the sound of that, almost as much as we'll like the sound of excavators breaking ground."

Harper said the new facility would be a breeding ground for the next generation of hockey players.

"This modern facility will feature an NHL-size ice surface, with seating for 3,200 spectators to cheer on Truro's future draft picks," Harper said.

The nearly \$50-million facility will also feature a walking track, aquatics centre, fitness centre, community meeting space, a climbing wall and other amenities. Construction is expected to start this spring off of exit 13 of Highway 102 and



Prime Minister Stephen Harper takes a question after announcing funding for a new sports facility in Truro on Thursday.

be complete in the fall of 2012.

The \$10 million was the last big component of government funding that had not been announced.

"If it wasn't there we wouldn't be able to build it," Municipality of Colchester Mayor Bob Taylor said.

The county has committed \$14.4 million, the Town of Truro \$9.6 million and the provincial government \$10 million. The remaining \$5 million will be raised

through fundraising in the community.

The idea of a regional civic centre started in 2004 during the region's bid for the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

MacKay said the facility will not be "just another municipal building."

"This will be a showcase for sport here in the Truro and surrounding area that has produced some incredible athletes," he said.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Parliament prorogation protest on Saturday

HARPER A Canadians Against Proroguing Parliament Rally is planned for Halifax on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Province House.

Several elected officials are scheduled to attend, including Halifax MP Megan Leslie of the NDP and Halifax West MP Geoff Regan of the Liberals. The rally is deemed "peaceful

and family-friendly" and is in response to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision this month to prorogue Parliament, with MPs not returning until March 3.

"Our core planning group for the rally in Halifax represents people from every part of the political spectrum and a diverse sample of professional backgrounds," rally organizer Brenden Sommerhalder said in a release. "Our group ranges from university students to business leaders, youth, parents to retired adults. Harper's actions have generated an anger that blurs demographic lines."

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New bishop to be sworn in Monday

diocese of Antigonish will be formally installed on Monday afternoon.

Bishop-elect Brian Dunn will be installed during an installation mass at St. Ninian's Cathedral in Antigonish at 4 p.m. It will come a day after an evening prayer will take place at the cathedral.

He is expected to meet with the media following

the ceremony. Archbishop Anthony Mancini released a statement in November naming Dunn, 54, as the new leader of the Roman Catholic diocese. Dunn, a native of St. John's, N.L., was an auxiliary for the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

The diocese of Antigo-



nish serves about 130,000 parishioners, including all Roman Catholic parishes in Cape Breton.

Dunn replaces Bishop Raymond Lahey, who re-signed before he was charged with possessing and and importing child pornography in Septem-CAPE BRETON POST

Youth pleads guilty to bomb threat at school

COURT A youth charged in a bomb hoax at a school in Cape Breton last October has pleaded guilty.

The teenager, who can-not be named because of his age, pleaded guilty in provincial court in Port Hood on Wednesday to obstruction or interference with the lawful use of

He will be sentenced in March.

Inverness Academy was evacuated at the time of the threat, but no explosives were found.

A second teenager has pleaded not guilty in the case and is scheduled to appear in court in March for a trial.

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HRM cops busy as snowy weather begets a number of traffic accidents

CRASHES Police around HRM responded to several accidents early Thursday morning as drivers faced slippery road conditions due to the snowy weather that struck the area.

Halifax RCMP reported four separate collisions, including three during the morning rush hour between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. There were no injuries in any of the collisions.

Halifax Regional Police also responded to a handful of collisions, none which of which resulted in any injuries.

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P.E.I. begins cellphone ban while driving

SAFETY Prince Edward Island's cellphone ban while driving will go into effect

on Saturday.

John MacDonald, director of highway safety with the Department of Transportation, says an ad campaign will be launched immediately letting drivers know the ban is now in

MacDonald said while the department expects more warnings than fines in the beginning, that will be left to the discretion of enforcement law agency. He said the law is in full effect as of Saturday. which means Island drivers can be charged for using any hand held wireless device.

That includes phones, BlackBerrys, and GPS devices.

Nova Scotia also has a cell phone ban while driv-THE GUARDIAN ing.

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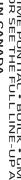
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Manitoba health officials defensive about Lesnar's bashing

Manitoba health officials are on the defensive after a bashing from UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar. The American mixed martial arts star says he received "Third World" health-care treatment in Canada after falling ill during a hunting trip. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Harper upset with one-day sentence

shocked by the sentence handed to a terror suspect near Toronto. Harper was critical of the law that gave criminals extra credit for prison time served before a conviction at a news conference in Truro, N.S. Amin Mohamed Durrani, 23, received a one-day orison sentence in a Brampton, Ont., court Wednesday after pleading guilty to know ingly participating in and assisting a terrorist group. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G8 summit might have climate talks

TREATY Environment Minister Jim Prentice says he's feeling international pressure to put climate change high on the agenda at the G20 and G8 sum-

And



quite vet, he's not saving No either.

Canada is dedicated to turning last month's Copenhagen climate accord into an internationally binding treaty well before the end of the year, Prentice said in an interview.

"It's an agreement that reflects Canada's principles, so we very much want to see it converted into an international treaty over the course of 2010," he said. "Anything we can do to advance that is impor-

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Haitians looking to escape

More than two million people still homeless: Authorities

Haiti Crisis

Crowds continue to gather outside the Canadian **Embassy in Port-au-**Prince — Haitians hoping to escape the city more than a week after it was rocked by a massive earthquake.

Authorities say a staggering two million people are homeless while thousands are still without a steady supply of food and water.

Outside the capital, members of Canada's Disaster Assistance Response Team are in the quake-ravaged town of Jacmel, while Canadian soldiers in the town of Leogane are continuing efforts to help.

With heavy equipment coming from Port-au-Prince, Canada and Ja-maica, DART hopes to be pumping potable water in Jacmel within the next few days.

In Leogane, a contingent of troops from HMCS Halifax continues to treat patients for secondary infections and to stem the



A Canadian Armed Forces truck prepares to be loaded on the MV Wloclawek Thursday, at the Quebec City port. Military vehicles, including water purifying units and bulldozers, are being shipped to Haiti for a humanitarian mission.

spread of disease, still a primary concern.

The task of rebuilding Leogane will likely fall to members of the Royal 22e Regiment from CFB Valcartier, who are already arriving in the region.

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By the numbers

- Canadians confirmed dead: 14
- Canadians missing: 321 Canadians located: 1,867 up
- from 1,727 the day before.
- Canadians believed to be in
- Haiti: more than 6,000

Haitian officials.

Total death toll in Haiti: Roughly 200,000, estimate by the European Union, quoting

Troops killed four civilians in 2009

AFGHANISTAN Canadian soldiers struggling to contain the Taliban insurgency in southern Afghanistan killed four civilians last year, according to military figures obtained by The Canadian Press. The deaths occurred when the soldiers felt compelled to open fire during what is known as an escalation of force.

"There were three incidents of escalation of force that led to four civilian deaths caused by CF soldiers," the military said. "That being said, in all three cases, the investigations determined that the rules of engagement were followed."

The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, an arm of the military police, provided no further details on the incidents.

"Canada makes everv reasonable effort to ensure the safety of Afghan civilians," the military said.

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VANOC plays hardball over Olympic rights

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VANOC has steadily pursued those they charge are capitalizing off the largest sporting event in the country by misleading consumers into believing they're affiliated.

Except that VANOC's overbearing

might be causing more trouble than it prevents and leaving it in a public relations muddle, servers suggest.

Scotiabank last week became the latest in a series of corporate brands to be chastised for launching a marketing campaign VANOC says threatens to undermine the value of Games sponsorship.

"You're basically seeing businesses saying 'Screw you,'" said Lindsay Meredith, who teaches marketing at Simon Fraser University, though adding VANOC isn't wrong to finger the various companies on their tactics.

Vancouver was the backdrop when Scotiabank unveiled a photo and storysubmitting contest that uses images of fans in red and white cheering an sporting amorphous A event. company spokesman denied the campaign is trying to associate with the Olympics, adding he's confident it worked within organizerissued guidelines.

VANOC has exclusive Canadian marketing rights to Olympic brands until Dec. 21, 2012, which only official sponsors are allowed to market products under.

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Court rules in favour of farmer in raw milk case

DAIRY An Ontario farmer raised a glass of milk in celebration outside court Thursday found not guilty of 19 charges related to selling unpasteurized milk.

operates a raw milk co-op. defended himself last year against the charges for dispensing milk straight from the cow

Schmidt was charged un-

der the Health Protection and Promotion Act and the Milk Act after an armed raid by about two dozen officers and government offi-

Michael Schmidt, who

cials at his farm in 2006.

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Meteorite hits doctor's office

Doctors at a small U.S. medical practice got a big surprise when a tennis ball-sized meteorite punched a hole through their roof. No one was injured. Dr. Frank Ciampi says the rock struck the two-story building around 5:30 p.m. Monday in Lorton, Va., not far from Washington, D.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Soviet-era practices returning to Russia?

Some time in the coming month, Russian poetess Yulia Privedyonnaya, left, may be sent off to a psychiatric ward in a case activists described Thursday as a dangerous throwback to the Soviet-era practice of punitive psychiatry. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court upheld a ruling that Privedyonnaya should undergo a monthlong psychiatric examination. Her case is part of a long-standing effort by authorities to enforce political conformity, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS said Sergei Kovalvov. a Soviet-era dissident.

123 Haitian children

News in brief

VIRGINIA The man accused of unleashing a bloodbath that killed eight people on the quiet homestead he shared with

his sister and her family had complained to a friend that he feared being kicked out of the house. However, a family attorney said that Christopher Speight's sister was not trying to remove her brother.

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arrive in Netherlands

Enveloped in his new mother's embrace, fouryear-old Jersen Silvester Eefting gazed wide-eyed around a hotel lobby at the end of an 11-hour flight that whisked him from the devastation of Haiti to his new home in the Netherlands.

Haiti Crisis

"It feels magnificent," said Roel Eefting as he videoed the newly adopted son he had met minutes earlier.

Jersen was one of 123 children, aged from two months to seven years, flown to the Netherlands Thursday. They arrived on a plane chartered by the Dutch government and two adoption agencies to airlift children out of Haiti



A woman believed to be with a Dutch adoption association carries two Haitian children Thursday after arriving in the Nether-

to new lives in the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

None of the children was



After claiming recovery is complete, some fear China's tackling of inflation will hamper the global economy. Scan this code for the story.

hurt in last week's earthquake. But Macky Schouten, head of the Netherlands Adoption Foundation, said it was difficult getting them from their orphanages in Haiti to the choked Port-Au-Prince airport.

"They had to come from different houses in a situation that was very dangerous," she said.

The children were accompanied on the flight by medics and psychologists trained to deal with post traumatic stress, Schouten THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dne horror after another in Haiti

GRAVES Workers are carving out mass graves on a hillside north of Haiti's capital, using earth-movers to bury 10,000 people in a single day even as relief workers warn that Haitians are still dying of injuries from the Jan. 12 quake for lack of medical care.

Clinics have 12-day waiting lists for patients, crushed arms and legs are festering and makeshift camps that have sprung up

Haiti Crisis

in parks, streets and vacant lots now house an estimated 500,000 people, many in need of food and water.

The death toll is estimated at 200,000, according to Haitian government ures, with 80,000 buried in mass graves. The commission now estimates two million homeless.

North of Port-au-Prince, burial workers said the macabre task of handling the never-ending flow of bodies was traumatizing.

"I have seen so many children, so many children. I cannot sleep at night and, if I do, it is a constant nightmare," said Foultone Fequiert, his face covered with a T-shirt against the overwhelming stench.

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The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is looking for Iraqi friends on its new Facebook WOrld **11** page. The embassy launched the page to reach out to Iraqi youth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edwards admits to fathering child

Former U.S. Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards finally came forward Thursday to admit that he fathered a child with a woman that he hired before his second failed White House bid.

Edwards, a former U.S. senator from North Carolina and 2004 vice-presidential candidate, confirmed this in a statement released to The Associated Press, after initially denying that he'd fathered a child during his affair with videographer Rielle Hunter. The state-



as the second birthday Frances Quinn Hunter approaches and days be-

fore a new book about the scandal is due. It was written by Andrew Young, the Edwards campaign aide who initially said he was the baby's fa-

"I am Quinn's father," the



In this 2009 file photo, Rielle Hunter leaves court with her child.

former senator declared in his statement. He admitted it was wrong to have denied that and vowed to do "everything in my power" to support the girl. Edwards had admitted the affair but denied he was the father of the child. In an excerpt of an ABC interview, Young says that Edwards asked him to arrange a fake a paternity test. "Get a doctor to fake the DNA results," Young said Edwards told him. "And he asked me ... to steal a diaper from the baby so he could secretly do a DNA test to find out if this (was) indeed his child."

Edwards' wife, Elizabeth, has been battling incurable cancer since March 2007.

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Clerics target cell prayer ring

Egypt's top cleric wants Muslims to answer the call to prayer, but not when it's ringing on their cellphones.

"God's words are sacred. ... He ordered us to respect them and glorify them," Gomaa said.

Muslims are required to pray five times a day, and the time for this is announced solely with calls to prayers from mosques, Gomaa said. "The calls to prayer are to announce it is time ... using it as a ringtone is confusing and misleading."

Islamic ringtones are ubiquitous in this country of 80 million. They are also making the rounds in Baghdad, Saudi Arabia, the West Bank and to a lesser degree, multi-sectarian Lebanon. A group of Saudi clerics recently made a similar plea to Saudis not to use Qur'an for ringtones.

In Egypt, verses or calls to prayer from the holy book of Qur'an are not only popular as ringtones. They have become the rage with screen savers and text messages in holiday greetings. The tones can be

Fatwas

 Edicts, or fatwas, serve as advice for the pious who observe them closely. Gomaa's edict, published on the official website of Dar al-Iftah, one of Sunni Islam's earliest institution for interpreting religion, is not binding.

downloaded from the Internet, mobile phone company websites and are advertised on TV stations.

With a rising tide of Islamic conservatism, Egyptians are increasingly peppering their lives with religious symbols, and turn to fatwas to regulate their day-to-day lives.

Head scarves are predominant among the country's Muslim women and men increasingly sport traditional beards. Quranic verses can be seen plastered as posters or stickers on cars, offices and homes. Even daily greetings have become Islamized, with people starting and ending their conversations by invoking God's name or words.

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News in brief

RETURNED The infamous Arbeit Macht Frei sign stolen last month from Auschwitz and broken into three pieces was returned to the museum at the site of the Nazi death camp Thursday. Police — who had quickly recovered the damaged sign after its theft —

gave it to museum officials at a brief ceremony in Krakow.

FLOWN BACK A Jamaican-born radical Muslim cleric who once led a British mosque attended by convicted terrorists is being flown back to Jamaica, a Kenyan prosecutor said Thursday.

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Report hidden behind privacy veil



o, whose privacy are they protecting? On 2, 2008, an RCMP constable shot and killed John Andrew Simon, a member of Cape Breton's Wagmatcook First Nation.

Simon, everyone agrees,

was alone inside his house, drunk and suicidal, at the time he was killed. According to what police reportedly told Simon's family, he was unarmed, sitting on the toilet and smoking a ciga-rette when Const. Jeremy Frenette first entered the house. They claim Simon then fled to the kitchen where he grabbed his shotgun. Frenette fired three times, killing Simon.

What was Frenette doing inside the house without a warrant? And without backup? Especially considering that Simon, at that point, was no threat to anyone ex-

cept himself.
The Halifax Regional Police, who led what was supposed to be an arm's-length investigation into the shooting, concluded he on-ly fired "after reasonably perceiving that John Simon posed a threat of grievous bodily harm or death and believing that he could not otherwise preserve himself from grievous bodily harm other than by using deadly force.

Simon's widow and members of the local band council would beg to disagree.

But that's not the issue

Why are the Mounties now refusing to release the report into the incident? lust as importantly, why is it even the RCMP's call whether to release this supposedly independent re-

view? RCMP Chief Supt. Blair McKnight told reporters in December the Mounties weren't "permitted" to release the report under Canada's privacy laws.

Whose privacy is being protected here? Simon is dead. His widow and the local band council — which contract the RCMP to police its reserve — both say they want to read a copy of the report.

Others have seen it Nova Scotia Justice Minister Ross Landry, for example former RCMP officer — told reporters this week he has read the report and believes the band council should, too, before he makes his decision on their request for a public inquiry into Simon's death. His office, in fact, is trying to help the band get

a copy.

But RCMP brass seem

happy to hide the report behind the privacy veil. Little wonder the Wag-

matcook band council has decided to replace the RCMP when its policing contract expires at the end of next month. Little wonder, too, the council has called for a public inquiry to determine why "policing hasn't changed in our First Nation territories" in the two decades since the Marshall Inquiry report.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communica-

Views

Canada pitches in to help Haiti tonight



I live in Vancouver and sometimes take the bus to work through an area known as the Downtown Eastside - what's called 'the poorest postal code in North America." Not a lot of people with a lot of money ride that bus.

So imagine my surprise this week, hearing passengers talk about how they

want to send money to Haiti, devastated by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

"I owe Visa a whack of money," said a middle-aged woman, dressed in a slight-ly dirty coat, missing a button. "But I'm gonna put a donation to Haiti on my credit card. They could use the money'

An older man joined in, saying he had a collection agency tracking him down, but he was putting a cheque for \$25 in the mail to help people in Haiti.

These are people with very little money figuring out how to help others far worse off than themselves. It says a lot about the spirit of our country. Yes, our household debt hit a record high last year — for every \$100 of income, Canadians owe \$145 in debt.

And, yet, people are opening their wallets to lend a hand to Haiti. The Red Cross says Canadians have donated almost \$36 million and made another \$8 million in pledges. Other charities are reporting big donations, too. World Vision says aid is coming in faster than during the 2004 tsunami. So far, it has raised more than \$5 million.

Tonight, Marketplace, the program I regularly co-host on CBC Television, will be pre-empted: CBC Television, CTV and Global Television are collaborating to produce Canada For Haiti, a one-hour, commercial-free special featuring a star-studded lineup of Canadian talent. Also broadcasting tonight is the U.S. telethon Hope For Haiti Now, hosted by George Clooney.

Programming begins tonight at 7 local ET/CT/PT and 8 local AT/MT.

I hope you'll tune in and donate if you can. Who knows? Maybe next week on the bus you'll be talking about what you did to help.

Erica Johnson co-hosts CBC Television's investigative program, Marketplace, pre-empted tonight for a Haiti fundraiser, but normally seen at 8:30 p.m.



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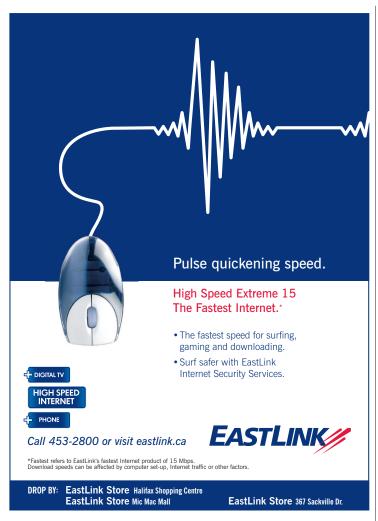
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Forecast signals U.S. economy to gain momentum

A forecast of future U.S. economic activity jumped 1.1 per cent in December, a private research group said Thursday, suggesting that economic growth in the United States could pick up this spring. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Recovery to pick up: BoC

The private sector is beginning to play an increasingly pivotal role in leading the country out of recession, the Bank of Canada said Thursday in its latest policy report.

In a mildly upbeat assessment, the central bank's quarterly outlook contains some upward revisions for growth in the United States, China, Europe and Japan that should help Canada's

Economy grows

 Canada's economy likely grew by 3.3 per cent in the last three months of 2009, the Bank of Canada says. For 2010, it will advance by 2.9 per cent, followed by a 3.5 per cent pickup in 2011.

battered exporters and manufacturing sector in the next two years.

And it says Canada's economy will grow faster going forward than expected, in part because it got off to such a slow start last summer.

Overall, the central bank appears more optimistic about the sustainability of the recovery around the world, although it also cautions that risks of a stall in recovery remain.

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Bankruptcies fall, but still more than '08

ECONOMY Fewer Canadians and businesses filed for bankruptcy in November, providing another sign that the economy is in recovery mode.

The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada says total bankruptcies declined by four per cent in November compared to October. Part of the drop was attributed to lower consumer bankruptcies, which were down 3.8 per cent from October. Business filings were down 7.7 per cent

were down 7.7 per cent. Compared to November 2008, bankruptcies were still up 12.8 per cent.

The impact of last year's recession could be clearly seen in a massive 31.4 per cent increase in bankruptices during the full 12 months ended Nov. 30, 2009 when compared to 2008. THE CAMADIAN PRESS

Fast food The King in Moscow



A woman walks by a poster announcing the opening of Burger King's first outlet in Russia at a shopping mall in northwest Moscow Thursday. The American-owned fast food chain will open another outlet in downtown Moscow on Monday. Main rival McDonald's opened its first outlet in the Soviet Union in 1990 and now operates 235 restaurants throughout Russia.

In **brief**

BARGAINS Macy's Inc. said Thursday it will open its first Bloomingdale's bargain-priced outlet stores this summer and fall in a bid to attract valueconscious shoppers.

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Opel to cut 8,300 jobs

European auto market faced with much uncertainty

General Motor Co.'s Opel unit will cut 8,300 jobs across Europe, including 4,000 in Germany, and close a plant in Antwerp. Belgium — casualties of the "tough reality" of a shrinking European auto market.

Opel head Nick Reilly said Thursday that the Antwerp plant had to go, with the loss of more than 2,300 jobs, because the company needs to shed 20 per cent of its manufacturing capacity. That's because far fewer cars are being sold as a result of the recession.

The plant, founded in 1924, has already shrunk from employing 7,000 workers at its peak to around a third of that today. It produces the Astra



Opel workers leave Opel's Antwerp plant in Belgium, Thursday after they were informed of the factory's closure.

three-door, convertible and station-wagon versions, almost all of them for delivery outside Belgium.

The Belgian government has tried to stave off the Antwerp plant's closure by earlier this year offering

million (\$707 million US) to upgrade the facilities.

Reilly said the economic crisis means European car makers will likely sell 1.5 million fewer cars this year than in 2009 and 4 million fewer than in 2007.

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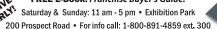
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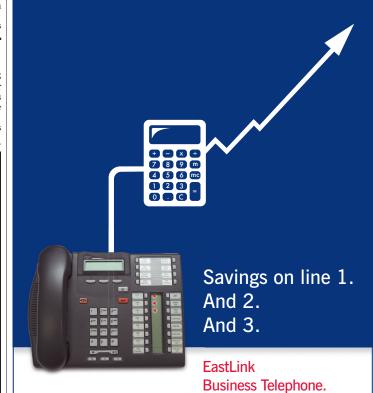








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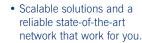




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MacDonald nets five points in Lions win

John MacDonald's monstrous two-goal, three-assist outing lifted the Halifax Lions to a 7-1 blowout victory over the Yarmouth Mariners in Maritime Junior A Hockey League play on Thursday at the Halifax Forum. Goaltender Kody Blois made 40 saves on 41 shots. METRO HALIFAX

Sports



Gaudet at Canadian training camp

Bayside midfielder Derek Gaudet is attending training camp with the Canadian

Conditioning key for Thomas

Rainmen's newly acquired big man working hard in the gym heading into big home game

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The Halifax Rainmen are whipping DeAndre Thomas into shape and their new big man isn't putting up a fuss.

The six-foot-eight, 320-pound centre, who signed last Thursday and made his Rainmen deĎut on Sunday, has hit the treadmill before practices, done extra wind sprints after practices, and even ran the stairs at the Metro Centre.

Conditioning is not Thomas's forte, but the Rainmen strongly believe he can be the best post player in the Premier Basketball League with the proper fitness and coach-

ing.
"I'm approaching (training) like I approach every-thing else," Thomas said.

"I go in, do what I've got to do, and I don't complain about nothin' because I want to get better."

Thomas said he is ىدى into shape." ت⁷ in "OK shape, but can better

The Chicago native's presence, along with that of six-foot-11 veteran Marc Mazur, is critical as the Rainmen, 3-1, embark on a pivotal four-game stretch beginning Friday at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre against the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry.

The Cavalry, 3-1, are considered one of the PBL's top three teams

along with Puer-to Rico and and Rochester. They beat the Rainmen by 15 points in the seasonopener in Oklahoma, but Thomas and

DeAndre Thomas Mazur weren't on the roster

"We got pushed around down there," said Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. "They had a big fella who was just movin' dudes out of the way. They ain't movin' DeAndre."

Although Halifax has won three straight, those wins came against teams with a combined one win in eight tries.

Results against Lawton-Fort Sill, as well as Puerto Rico and Rochester, will show whether Halifax is a contender or a pretender.

The Rainmen have had 18 players on their roster so far this season, but they're hoping to have some stability now and build some momentum during this critical stretch.

"We're getting better and better every game," said Rainmen top scorer Tony Bennett. "We're put-

Roster moves

The Halifax Rainmen cut two players on Thursday and traded for Manchester Millrats forward Marlowe Currie. The Rainmen released forward Gordon Malone and guard Antwan Dobie and picked up the six-foot-seven Currie for a 2011 second-round draft choice and future considera tions. Currie is a good shooter who has averaged more than 10 points per game the past two seasons

ting the right pieces together and trying to work for a championship."

For more of Matthew

with the Millrats. "We just needed a more versatile guy at the four spot," said Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. "We need a guy with more of a skill-set coming off the bench. He can step out and hit the three so he's a mismatch for a lot of other forwards." Malone had averaged 7.5 points per game. Dobie signed last week and only played three minutes of one

Wijest's coverage of the Halifax Rainmen, follow @metrorainmen on Twit-

Sports in brief

BOXING Tyson Cave of Halifax will face Robert Daluz of Jacksonville, Fla., in the main event of Friday's card Palooka's Boxing Club. Cave, the reigning Canadian super-bantamweight champion, will put his unbeaten record of 9-0 on the line against Daluz, 12-23-3. Action begins at 8 p.m.

HOCKEY The Mooseheads are holding a blood drive on Friday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Canadian Blood Services in Halifax. Members of the team will be available for auto-METRO HALIFAX

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Bernard determined to keep spot in lineup MATTHEW WUEST matthew.wuest@metronews.ca

MOOSEHEADS Coming into training camp, there was a reasonable expectation that Jessyko Bernard would be an offensive factor for the rebuilding Halifax Mooseheads. But just a week into the season, he was knocked out of the lineup by younger rookies and found himself fighting

just to stay out of the press He's only recently started earning a regular role

The 18-year-old winger has stepped up since over-ager Linden Bahm broke his wrist, skating on the second line with Brent Andrews and Gerrad Grant heading into this weekend's home games against the Bathurst Titan on Saturday at 7 p.m. and the P.E.I. Rocket on Sunday at

4 p.m.
"I told myself I had to pick it up and give whatever I've got, skate harder, finish checks, do whatever I can," he said.

The Mooseheads told their players in the off-season they wanted them in better physical shape, but Bernard didn't impress them in that department upon arrival at camp.

After being benched, the six-foot-two Moncton native realized he needed to



Mooseheads winger Jessyko Bernard has been skating on the second line lately, alongside Brent Andrews and Gerrad Grant.

shape up or he'd be shipped out.

He weighed 216 pounds at training camp but has lost 14 pounds since and said he has more energy and endurance in games.
"That was one of the rea-

sons I was scratched they weren't happy with my weight," Bernard said. "I just said, 'I've got to lose that weight and get into better shape."

Bernard has six goals and five assists for 11 points in 41 games and leads all Halifax forwards in hits per game.

He's hoping to finish strong and certainly doesn't have any plans of being yanked out of the lineup down the stretch.

"That's always in the back of my mind," Bernard

"I don't want to be a healthy scratch again because it's not fun. I have to give everything I've got every night."

• For weekend coverage of the Mooseheads, visit Matthew Wuest's Q Files www.metronews.ca/qfiles

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An Italian television channel has apologized for a prank in which a female presenter attempted to grab David Beckham between the legs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Habs part ways with Laraque

Gainey feels his Montreal Canadiens have a far better chance of making the playoffs without enforcer Georges Laraque than they do with him.

So even though Laraque will remain on the team's roster and his salary will still count on the team's cap figure, Gainey deemed it necessary Thursday to jettison Laraque from the Canadiens for the remainder of the season.

told him that he would not be continuing as part of our group for the rest of this season, for reasons of lack of productivity and distractions to our group," Gainey said. "We felt our goals were more achievable to continue without him as part of the group.

Laraque told TSN just after receiving the news Thursday morning that it was classless on Gainey's part to let him go considering everything that was going on in Haiti, where both his parents were born.

Gainey said Thursday that the decision to let Laraque go had in fact been taken prior to the



Former Canadien George Laraque comments after being released by the team Thursday

Jan. 12 earthquake that devastated the country, but it was put on hold in light of Laraque's ties to

"It's obviously extremely disappointing for it to finish like this, but what's going on in Haiti right now has given me some perspective," Laraque said on Thursday afternoon.

"I want to look at the positives. It was an honour for me to wear the Canadiens uniform, and I'm happy I was able to play in front of my family.

Still, he did take exception to Gainey's assertion that he had become a distraction to the team.

"I'm wondering what that means," Laraque said. "I never made any negative comments to the media just so I wouldn't be a distraction. I never did anything to embarrass the THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

BELIVEAU A spokesman for the Montreal Canadiens says former great Jean Beliveau is in hospital undergoing unspeci-

NFL Wade Phillips is sticking around as coach of the Dallas Cowbovs for two more years.

Team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday that Phillips is signed through the 2011 season.

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Maëlle Ricker and Dominique Maltais hit the snowboardcross podium Thursday, while fellow Canadian Mike Robertson officially punched his ticket to the Vancouver Winter Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Speed Queen' makes her last hurrah



call the hotel in northern Italy and the man at reception says he'll find Emily Brydon right away.

'Everyone knows her," he claims.

There's chuckling and I make out Emily's voice as she scurries to the phone leaving her ski buddies for a moment. No doubt they'll pardon the interruption and anxiously wait to hear the finish of her latest tall tale.

Brydon has been an enormous part of the Canadian ski story for more than a decade. She's a constant contender and stood on the World Cup podium nine times. That's more than any female in this country's alpine history with the exception of Nancy Greene, Laurie Graham and Betsy Clifford.

That's exceptional company to keep.

Then again, Emily Brydon is an exceptional woman — larger than life some might say. Her third Olympics in

2010 will be her last as she moves on with a career that includes the operation of a children's foundation near her home in Fernie, B.C. She also wants to work with Right to Play and make more trips to Africa to help desperate kids. She saw a lot in Ghana when



Canadian skier Emily Brydon will be competing in her third, and final, Winter Olympics next month.

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she went there last - it opened her eyes.

"By putting a definite conclusion to my career I've sort of inspired myself," she says. "I don't want to have any regrets."

Brydon is a survivor and can make the best of any given situation. That's why she's the acknowledged leader of the Canadian female team, unofficially dubbed "The Speed Queens."

It's a tight-knit group that has lost stars Kelly VanderBeek and Larisa Yurkiw to injury.

"I've experienced it all," Brydon sighs wistfully.

"It would be easy to get caught up in the sadness

of those who won't experience the Games. But it makes me appreciate the team we have. We need to keep going. We have a job to do.

Women hit podium

There's also an unfinished story to tell and even on a phone, thousands of miles away, I can sense Brydon believes there can be a happy end-

"I'm totally prepared," she stresses.

"I have to hold on to that. I'm so proud to be Canadian."

I say goodbye to her, hoping the speed queen's last hurrah will be a tall tale we can all remember for many years to come.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.



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Mel takes Darkness to the max

Actor returns to screen after eight-year hiatus

NED EHRBAR Metro World News

Mel Gibson returns to acting with Edge of Darkness, his first lead role since 2002's Signs. The reason for such a long break is simple, he insists:He got bored.

"I walked away from it after Signs because I just felt I was a bit stale. It wasn't ringing my bells," Gibson

says.
"I was just tired and bored with it, you know?' But the veteran actor and director knew he wasn't giving up for good. "You don't know. That's why I didn't make some big pro-pouncement, like, 'I'm nouncement, like, quitting, I'm retiring."

Quitting is something very much on Gibson's mind these days, since at the time of our interview he was nine days into quitting smoking.

"The first three days, I was like an axe murderer," he confides. "It is a hellish habit to break. Your neurons are involved. My mother smoked, I think, when I was in her womb?

Quitting smok-ing was proba-**Edge of** bly a good idea if he's going to take on Darkness more films like Edge of Darkness, in which he plays a veteran cop trying to solve his daughter's murder — and getting into plenty of scrapes along the wav.

particular fight scene called for some preparation, Gibson ad-



Mel Gibson, left, stars in the action thriller Edge of Darkness.

Gibson's next film, The dered a chiro-Beaver, co-starring and directed by Jodie Foster, sounds much less physical — and a lot quirkier. "It's practor for the day after, because I knew I was going to wake up like road-kill, and I did," he says. "You don't bounce back as about a guy who's clinically depressed," Gibson explains. "Circumstances quick as you used to, and somehow dictate that he finds himself with a ratty ing it easy on me. It's not a beaver hand puppet on his arm, and he manages to

that guy's 25 and he's tak-

pleasant experience.

kind of save himself and his life and his family and everything by expressing himself through this hand puppet, because that's all he can do." As for Gibson the direc-

tor, he's eager to return to the past with a longplanned Viking film starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

'The very first idea I ever

On the web



had about making a film was when I was 16 years old and I wanted to make a Viking movie," Gibson says. "And I wanted to make it in Old Norse.'

Much like with The Passion of the Christ and Apocalypto, Gibson plans on using historically accurate language.

"I think it's going to be English — the English that would have been spoken back then — and Old Norse," he says.

"Whatever the ninth century had to offer. I'm going to give you real. I want a Viking to scare you. I want to see somebody who I have never seen before speaking low, guttural German who scares the living s- out of me coming up to my house."



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Lovelace biopic in works

Allan Ginsberg biopic Howl premiered at the Sundance Film Festival just last night, but directors Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman have already lined up their next film, and it's Lovelace, the story of porn star Linda Lovelace. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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getting weepy and looking



Dawyne Johnson stars in Tooth Fairy.

Fairy as fun as pulling teeth

Tooth Fairy

Director: Michael Lembeck
Stars: Dwayne Johnson,
Ashley Judd
Classification: G
Rating: @½

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

REVIEW It must be tough

being Dwayne Johnson.
The man is a decent
comedic actor and has
right physical stature to be
an action lead.

Unfortunately he made his name as the professional wrestler The Rock and that's a hard image to shake.

He might not be credited as The Rock on movie posters anymore, but audiences haven't forgotten and his projects are suitably lowbrow.

Johnson has taken Hulk Hogan's crown as the premiere former wrestler turned awkward family film leading man. Johnson's latest cinematic misstep is Tooth Fairy and it just might be his lowest moment yet.

No less than six credited writers were needed to bring this film to life and sadly none of them came up with a decent joke. To be fair, it would be hard for anyone to mine laughs out of a concept that sees Johnson portray a violent hockey player nicknamed the Tooth Fairy (because he knocks out so many teeth on the ice) who becomes an actual tooth fairy. Explaining how this happens would make even less sense on paper than it does on screen.

Tooth Fairy is a frustrating film that should even irritate youngsters.

• For a trailer of Tooth Fairy, screen times of photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Measures way too ordinary

Extraordinary **Measures**

Director: Tom Vaughan
Stars: Harrison Ford,
Brendan Fraser, Keri Russell
Classification: PG
Rating: :

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

Extraordinary Measures was created with good intentions, but it just can't escape an unfortunate "disease of the week" TV movie quality.

Though based on a true story, the screenplay is so rife with clichés and obvious emotional manipulation that it doesn't just tug on your heartstrings, but pulls on them with such brute force that you'll want to file assault charges by the time the credits roll. There is the nucleus for a touching movie somewhere in the material, but unfortunately the filmmakers never quite found it.

er quite found it.

Brendan Fraser stars as John Crowley, a man who abandons his high paying job in an attempt to find a cure for the rare disease that threatens to take his



Brendan Fraser's character tries to find a cure for a disease affecting his kids in Extraordinary Measures.

children's lives.

Despite having no background in science or medicine, Crowley seeks out the radical Dr. Stonehill (Harrison Ford) to form a partnership.

Together they find funding at a high profile medical facility and set out to discover a cure.

John Crowley is a real man who did quit his job to save his ailing children and his story worthy of a film, just not one with a badass scientist who rocks out to loud music while staring into his microscope and countless scenes of actors rather than expressing real emotions. You've seen Extraordinary Measures many times

You've seen Extraordinary Measures many times before. The filmmakers made no attempt to avoid the trappings of the "terminally ill children" genre of cheap melodrama.

Harrison Ford is admittedly funny as a surly scientist, but he plays a snarky movie character that is awkwardly wedged into a true story. Brendan Fraser does his best as John Crowley, but sadly his role is limited to pouting and appearing stressed for 90 minutes until he can finally smile in the last reel.

John Crowley's story is certainly unique and inspiring enough to warrant a movie. This just isn't the one he deserves.

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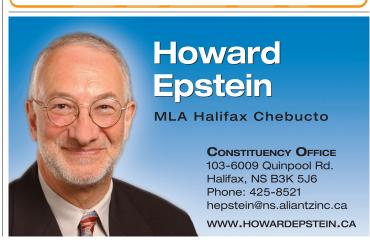
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The 2010 BAFTA nominations have been announced, and three films boast a whopping eight nominations, with Avatar, An Education and The Hurt Locker leading the pack. Just behind is District 9 with seven. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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NED EHRBAR Metro World News

Since the cancellation of his critically acclaimed series Arrested **Development, Will Arnett** has carved out a nice place for himself in the animated world, with scene-stealing voice roles in Ratatouille, Horton Hears a Who and Monsters vs. Aliens.

In this month's When in Rome, he gets his face in front of the camera again as one of four unlikely suitors bewitched into pursuing Kristen Bell.

Arnett sat down with Metro to talk about promoting a film, the state of the industry and those pesky Arrested Develop-

Are you tired of people asking about the Arrested Development movie?

I'm not bothered by it, like, "Oh, God, leave me alone.' We're happy that people liked it. We were never trying to be too cool for school

If anything, we wanted more people to get it. I just say, "Yeah, it's happening, for sure." I mean, it's probably more annoying for people who have to read about it.

You've also got Jonah Hex coming up, which isn't a comedy.

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who regard-

ed them as

Connelly)

Christian

departure for me. I would not describe it as funny. For the first time in my career I will have failed if I make people laugh. Although I probably will. People will laugh at me trying to be serious.

Television comedy seems to be making a comeback. How do you see the industry now?

With all the problems that there are in TV, the only people that they have to blame are not the ty TV, which was the crack of television.

There's no lasting value to it. And from what I understand with crack, it's the same thing. But if you were to give people something that they could sink their teeth into, whether it's comedy or drama — they could resurrect TV again, and I hope that they do do it.

I hope that people's attitudes in this country start to change a little **Rome hits** bit and become theatres next a bit more liber-al. We live in such a conservayou have one-hour

Friday tive place, where viewers, but the TV dramas that have in-business itself. They've credible violence and gore,



Will Arnett stars in When In Rome. out next Friday.

and yet you can't say certain words.

It's absolutely absurd. It should be the other way around. You should be able to say "f—" and "s—" in a comedy and see nudity as opposed to letting kids see guys getting shot in the head.

That's awful to look at. And yet if you had the side of a buttock, people would be up in arms.

Almodovar at

his very best

in Embraces

Creation a rewarding movie

Creation

Director: Jon Amiel Stars: Jennifer Connelly and Paul Bettany Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🏶

ANNE BRODIE

REVIEW Creation's the kind of emotional love story that should have audiences dabbing tears, while dazzled from the sheer beauty of the look of it.

But it's hard to imagine that filmgoers will embrace its story of faith versus science and death set in a distant Victorian past, so it's up to stellar performances and awesome cinematography to evolve into ticket sales.

Naturalist Charles Darwin (Paul Bettany) changed modern thought with the release of his ground breaking book On the Origin of Species, the scientific treatise that sent shockwaves through the "civilised" world with its premise that the world evolved naturally without God's help. It followed years of studies which took him around the world to undiscovered exotic locales where he formulated his theories.

Emma Darwin (Bettany's

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Creation is a difficult sell, but rewarding for patient audiences.

ing them both reeling. Darwin's devastation accelerates the mental and physical strains of years of overwork and his efforts to calm himself through drugs and weird water cures widened the gap be-

tween them.

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their infant son and, in the

midst of Darwin's scientif-

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Annie

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favourite child Annie (Martha West) died, send-

In all, Creation is a difficult sell to easy going, pleasure seeking audiences who like their gratification instant and preferably in the here and now.

Creation has strengths; it is emotional without being sentimental, clear headed, beautifully directed and gorgeous to look at. Bettany's bravura performance runs the gamut of joy, creativity, clarity, and extreme focus through to madness. His rawness in dealing with reality and his remaining children after Annie's death is heart-tuggingly poignant. His keen sense of humour — in the stories

she tells the children and in vignettes of his work with a chimp - helps the story go down.

Connelly dares to be unsympathetic in a raw, heartbreaking perform-ance as a grieving mother who fears for her husband's soul. But the wonky English accent is a constant distraction — almost as much as her beauty. The part's not a stretch for her having done the icy but supportive wife of a mad scientist before in A Beautiful Mind.

Amiel's flights of fancy that shorthand his theory of evolution are worth the price of admission — a bird falls from its nest, decays, provide food for parasites, whose numbers grow and enrich the earth where new life springs forth. The cycle of life in all its cruelty and beauty sweeping by in a few seconds is genius, and mirrored in the Darwin household.

Creation is an admirable piece of work in many ways, but it is heavy hearted and oppressive, which while understandable considering the family's experiences, is difficult. The landscape and interiors mirror the emotional beats in fascinating ways and the whiff of exoticism in Darwin's travels on the Beagle and the stories he tells, leaven the experience. For audiences willing to go the distance, it's a rewarding and interesting ride.

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REVIEW At age 60 and with almost 20 films under his belt. Spanish trou-

blemaker Pedro Almodovar still refuses to make movies that behave

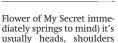
His latest offering, the twisty, turny neo-noir Broken Embraces is no exception. The film tells the tale of a blind pulp fiction writer named Mateo (Lluis Homar), a haunted man who has seemingly withdrawn from life, save for the odd sexual encounter. After a visit from a mysterious young filmmaker sends him into an emotional tailspin, another story is then woven in flashback, drawing the action back a decade earlier, a time when Mateo was a famous, almost Almodovar-esque director, worshipped by many, respected by all. Into his life comes a deranged millionaire (Jose Luis Gomez) and his gorgeous young wife Lena (Penelope Cruz), a meeting which sets forth a volatile chain events that references both the artifice of cinema and genuine human tragedy. To say any more would be to spoil the serpentine picture's delirious sting.

Almodovar is one of those filmmakers that, even when his output is lukewarm (1995's

Broken Embraces

Director: Pedro Almodovar Stars: Penelope Cruz, Lluis Homar, Jose Luis Gomez Classification: STC Rating: @@@@@

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diately springs to mind) it's usually heads, shoulders and other extremities above most director's best work but rest assured Broken Embraces is the maestro firing on all cylinders.

As far as Cruz goes, her mainstream critics tend to cite the mostly lackluster American films she ends up in (see Sahara, etc.), but to see her act in her native tongue, in her comfort zone, is always a treat and here, she's a revelation. As conflicted, deceitful and hopelessly love (and lust) struck Lena, Cruz owns every frame she graces, delivering a ered, textured and unabashedly sensual performance that ranks as one of the years best.

Part hard boiled mystery, part arch melodrama, part erotic thriller, Broken Embraces is another Almodovar masterpiece, a colorful, emotional amalgam of the fluid, heart pumping Hollywood classics he so adores.



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The Coen Brothers' remake of the classic True Grit for Paramount Pictures will be hitting theaters on Christmas Day of 2010. The remake of the 1969 western stars Jeff Bridges as U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn, the character initially played by John Wayne. IMDB.COM

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High Life built on strong characters

ADAM NAYMAN for Metro Canada

FEATURE Magician-turned-filmmaker Gary Yates' 2004 debut Seven Times Lucky was the trickiest movie ever to be set in Winnipeg — at least until the release of High Life, a twisty crime thriller adapted from Lee McDougall's award-winning play.

"I think (Winnipegers) get a kick out of it," says the director, who moved to the city after being born in Montreal. "It's fun to see the place you live on screen."

McDougall's dialogueheavy drama about four drug-addicted parolees planning to rip off a series of ATMs doesn't specify a setting, so Yates' choice to shift the action to the 'Peg could be construed as an act of civic pride.

But his other changes — including moving the action to the early '80s — speak to something deeper

er.

"You forgive a lot more on stage," says Yates, who fortuitously came across McDougall's play while he was writing his own script about a heist gone wrong.

"But, I just couldn't buy the idea that these guys even if they were drug-addled thieves — would believe they could pull that

scam off today.

"In the early '80s, (ATMs) were new, not as sophisticated, no computers. And then that opened up a whole new theme for me: I was able to make a movie about these guys who were hung over from the '70s, trying to deal with this

fast, new, drive-thru generation."

Even as he was reshaping the material, however, Yates says that he felt a sense of responsibility towards McDougall's char-

"For a play to be able to function with four guys just sitting on chairs for an hour, you know the characters had to be strong.

acters.

perfect. So writing High Life was like writing a sequel and a prequel to the play, but the heart of the original is still right in there. I saw it as riffing — expanding where the guys came from, and also seeing where they ended up."

And while it's clear from High opening scenes that these ambitious but oblivious characters aren't going to end up anywhere good, the film avoids conde scending to their

plight.
"I love all of my characters and I always have," Yates says.

 High Life opens in theatres this Friday.

Squared circle to silver screen



"One of the more prolific wrestlersturned-actors, Canadian-born Rowdy Roddy Piper has dozens of movie credits...he delivered the now classic line, "I have come here to chew bubblegum and kick ass. And I'm all out of bubblegum."

ou can blame (or thank, depending on your point of view) Vincent K. McMahon for movies like Mr. Nanny and Abraxas. Both starred wrestlers — Hulk Hogan and Jesse Ventura respectively — and Both Starred www. WWE chief McMahon didn't write or direct either of the films, he understood the promotional importance of allowing his

tance of allowing his wrestlers to make the leap from the ring to the big screen.

It wasn't always that way however.

Although wrestlers have been appearing in movies for decades—

wrestler Lenny Montana played The Godfather's Brazzi and Tor Johnson, the Super-Swedish Anmade gel, movies including the legendary Plan 9 From Outer Space — initially the powerful McMahon family actively tried to keep their wrestlers off the screen.

For instance, the elder McMahon, Vincent J.. who originally hired Hulk Hogan, refused him permission to appear in Rocky III.

He resolutely believed wrestlers should fight, not act. It wasn't until Vince Jr. stepped in and gave Hogan the goahead that the heyday of wraslin' movies began in earnest.

After that many of McMahon's bigger-thanlife wrestlers tried their hands at Hollywood stardom, including Dwayne Johnson, a.k.a. The Rock, who headlines this weekend's The Tooth Fairy.

Most of movies in the wrestler genre aren't great—filmjunk.com called Hulk's Santa with Muscles a "crapterpiece"—but there are a couple of notable exceptions.

One of the more prolific wrestlers-turned-actors, Canadian-born Rowdy Roddy Piper has dozens of movie credits, but his high point came in 1988's They Live, where he delivered the now classic line, "I have come here to chew bubblegum and kick ass. And I'm all out of bubblegum." It's his "Hasta la vista, baby!," and is one of the great action quotes of the decade.

And while it is unlikely that WWE Hall of Famer Stone Cold Steve Austin could ever receive any kind of acting award unless he did his trademarked Axe Handle Elbow Drop on the entire Academy, he has held his in The Longest Yard and The Condemned and has three films coming out in 2010.

Recently Triple H, Stacy Keibler and Goldberg have all tried for acting careers and why not? McMahon calls his wrestlers "entertainers" and The Wrestler director Darren Aronofsky asked rhetorically, "Why aren't wrestlers in SAG? If you really think about it, the Screen Actors Guild should organize them."

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A group of drug-addled parolees go on a crime spree in Canadian crime thriller High Life, based on Lee McDougall's play.





Wrestlers such as Tor Johnson and Hulk Hogan have been appearing in movies for decades.

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Jackie Chan stars in the Spy Next Door.







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A Baldwin in Manhattan

William Baldwin will play Blake Lively's estranged father on Gossip Girl. Baldwin, 46, will gueststar as William van der Woodsen beginning with an episode to air April 26. PEOPLE.COM.

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Sci-fi princess makes the move to Ancient Rome

Lucy Lawless steams up the small screen in Spartacus: Blood and Sand

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Him Up

Lucy Lawless is attracting a lot of attention for her latest character — not that the New Zealand actress isn't used to recognition.

As Xena: Warrior Princess, Lawless gained a surfeit of spirited sci-fi fans that adored the cult TV show for six years before follow-

Spartacus: ing it as one **Blood** and the sexy Sand airs on Cylons on Bat-The Movie tlestar Galacti-Network this Now

Monday Lawless isn't just stirring the fantasies of fanboys worldwide — she's fulfilling them. In her provocative new gladiator series, Spartacus: Blood and Sand (premiering on The Movie

Network and Movie Central this Monday), Lawless is just one of many characters that spends plenty of on-screen time shedding their togas.

"It's really kind of a spooky thing," laughed Lawless of the series' lack of dress. "The good news is that we have very sympathetic producers who work very hard to make us all look fantastic even (in high-definition).

mean nobody really looks good on HDTV past the age of nine. "You get that

big old pimple on your bottom, everybody's going to see it.

Lucky for the cast, Spartacus is a thrilling mix of gritty violence and graphic imagery to distract viewers from any blemished bodies

In fact, with the world of gladiators largely



Lucy Lawless as Lucretia and Viva Bianca as Ilithyia in Spartacus: Blood and Sand.

duced in post-production. one might assume it a challenge for actors.

'We don't think about it at all; your imagination kind of fills in the blanks but its just gorgeous to see the finished product," said Lawless. "It's not like Lawless. Avatar where the whole world is CGI.

"We have really big, practical sets that you can

climb up and balconies it's really solidly construct-- so it's not all imagined; not playing everything to a tennis ball on a stick like we used to in the old days."

No matter how it's put together, Spartacus seems destined to be Lawless' third sci-fi success. Starz, the series' U.S. distributor has even already ordered a second season.

It seems that in 2010, audiences are as fascinated by gladiators as ever.

"It satisfies some sort of blood lust we have," said Lawless of the series' time-

"(Even) if you took away all the boobs and all the blood and all the special effects, it's just a thrill ride from start to finish."

TUNE IN Saturdays at 7p.m. Zesty Shrimp and Pasta PREP TIME: 10 MIN. ➤ TOTAL TIME: 25 MIN. ➤ MAKES: 6 SERVINGS What You Need Make it 300 g (1/3 of 900-g pkg.) COOK pasta in large

linguine, uncooked

1/3 cup Kraft Calorie-Wise Zesty Italian Dressing, divided 2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms

1 small onion, thinly sliced

1 can (14 fl oz/398 mL) artichoke hearts, drained, quartered

1 lb. (450 g) uncooked deveined peeled large shrimp

1 Tbsp, chopped fresh parslev 1/4 cup Kraft 100% Parmesan Light Grated Cheese

saucepan as directed on package.

dressing in large skillet on medium heat. Add mushrooms, onions and artichokes; cook 3 min. or until onions are crisp-tender. stirring occasionally. Stir in shrimp and parsley; cook 2 min. or until shrimp turn pink and vegetables are tender,

stirring occasionally.

MEANWHILE, heat 1/4 cup

DRAIN pasta; return to pan. Add shrimp mixture and remaining dressing; toss lightly. Sprinkle with cheese.

See this recipe prepared in next week's show: **Smart Supper** (under 500 calories)

Which one is the drywall hammer?



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Conan gets \$45M to walk away

NBC said Thursday it has reached a \$45 million US deal with Conan O'Brien for his exit from the Tonight show, allowing Jay Leno to return to the late-night program he hosted for 17 years.

Under the deal, which came seven months after O'Brien took the reins from Leno, O'Brien will get more than \$33 million, NBC said. The rest will go to his 200strong staff in severance, the network said in an announcement on the Today

His final show will be Fri-

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day, with Tom Hanks scheduled to appear as well as Will Ferrell — the first guest O'Brien welcomed as Tonight host last June and musical guest Neil Young. Leno will return to Tonight on March 1.

"In the end, Conan was appreciative of the steps NBC made to take care of his staff and crew, and decided to supplement the severance they were getting out of his own pocket," his manager, Gavin Polone, told The Wall Street Journal. "Now he just wants to get back on the air as quickly as

possible." O'Brien

will be free to begin another TV job as soon as September. NBC said. There

has Conan O'Brien been specu-

lation on where he might go next. ABC (which airs Nightline and Jimmy Kimmel Live!) has said it wasn't interested, while which lacks a network latenight show, expressed appreciation for his show but nothing more. Comedy Central has also been mentioned.

A spokesman for O'Brien said he would be unavailable for comment.

O'Brien landed Tonight show after successfully hosting Late Night, which airs an hour later, since 1993. But he quickly stumbled in the ratings race against his CBS rival, David Letterman.

Under Leno, the Tonight show was the ratings champ at 11:35 p.m., but he proved an instant flop with his experiment in prime THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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1. Contra, Vampire Weekend, left; 2. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle; 3. Animal, Ke\$ha; 4. The Fame, Lady Gaga; The Element of Freedom, Alicia Keys. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Ke\$ha taps wild side

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Whether it's singing about brushing her teeth with a bottle of Jack or tossing her cookies in Paris Hilton's closet at a party, Ke\$ha — pop's newest sassy sister — knows her free-spirited, unabashed quest for unfettered fun doesn't make her the best role model for young admirers.

Rather, the 22-year-old TiK ToK singer thinks her fans hold her high on her party-girl pedestal for being real and not afraid to sing about it. Ke\$ha makes little attempt to tamp down her wild side. Thusly her first album, Animal, seems aptly titled. "This record embodies being an animal and giving into the animal side of yourself, and being really raw." Ke\$h

"I kind of think that this record embodies being an animal and giving into the animal side of yourself, and being really raw." Ke\$ha told Metro this week. She described her 14-song debut as "magical" and "a celebration of fun and youth, irreverence" and the resulting "papparazi-ness" as crazy.

"Some songs are funny, and some of them are a bummer and some of them are just unapologetically sassy," Ke\$ha said. "I'm just being honest. I never said that 100 per cent of the things I have done are necessarily things to be copied,

really raw." Ke\$ha
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mented my life."
Animal, released Jan. 5, quickly leapt to No. 1 much like TiK ToK catapulted to the top when it bounced onto airwaves in October.

Ke\$ha admitted she was almost surprised TiK ToK, was that good.

"I had no idea. I actually, like, I wrote it and I didn't think it was anything special because I've written every song on my record so in the process of writing you get so excited and then afterwards you're like, 'Is it good?' Is it bad?' I had no idea," she said.

raised on welfare and food stamps by her single mother, Pebe Sebert. Ke\$ha grew up in Tennessee recording studios — Sebert co-wrote Old Flames Can't Hold A Candle To You, which became a hit for Dolly Parton in 1980 - and was exposed to the tunes of Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan and Patsy Cline. Her penchant for singing and storytelling caused her to quit school at age 17. She met executive producer Dr. Luke, who invited her to sing on Flo Rida's hip-hop song Round Room. Dr. Luke — responsible for No. 1 tunes for such starlets as Britney Spears, Katy Perry Avril Lavigne brought her to Sony's RCA Records, which signed her in February 2009.



On Animal Ke\$ha cheekily chronicles her experiences living life hard.

"I wrote all the songs ... at a time when I lived in Los Angeles, and I went out all the time and, you know, did have drinks and did dance and did have unapologetic. irreverent.

breaking-into-houseparties kind of fun ... But I do think that if kids can take away anything positive from the record it's that you can have fun with everything and not take certain things ... so seriously. I also don't take myself that seriously."

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Back from the dead — money key to rock reunions



he biggest promoters and management companies know that if the bag of money on the table is big enough, there's a 99 per cent chance they can convince a band to reunite.

This formula resulted in the resurrection of deadforever bands like Rage Against the Machine, My Bloody Valentine and the Jesus and Mary Chain. What's in store for 2010? "If the bag of money on the table is big enough, there's a 99 per cent chance they can convince a band to reunite."

Soundgarden: Given the alleged money issues involving their old manager (who, for added drama, is singer Chris Cornell's ex-wife; it was a nasty divorce) and the fact that drummer Matt Cameron is a happiest guy to ever play drums for Pearl Jam, I would have bet the mortgage against this ever happening. Details are still being worked out, but watch for a summer tour and some kind of box set in time for Christmas.

Hole: Waiting for Courtney to release her Nobody's Daughter album

has been like expecting Godot to return with those promised double-doubles from Tim Hortons. We still don't have a release date for the CD, but Hole — with Courtney as the only original member — will play a short tour starting in London on Feb. 17.

The Plastic Ono Band:
That same night in New
York, Yoko will caterwaul
for one last night. On
Feb. 17, she'll be
joined by son Sean, Eric
Clapton, Paul Simon,
Bette Midler, Thurston
Moore and Kim Gordon

from Sonic Youth, members of the Scissor Sisters and whomever else she can round up.

Suede: Excitement amongst Brit-pop fans has been muted since this reunion seems to be just a one-off thing for charity and that it won't feature original guitarist Bernard Butler.

Pavement: We were ad-



vised a year in

York's Central Park this September. Since then, though, plans have expanded considerably. Rehearsals start next month with the first gig set for Auckland, New Zealand March 1 followed by Australia, Japan, the U.K. and Europe before they land in Toronto on June 19.

Toronto on June 19.

The Pointed Sticks:
This Vancouver power pop band released their first album in 1980, broke up in 1981 and then reformed in 2006 for the occasional gig. Twenty-nine years after the first record, they've released a second, Three Lefts Make a Right. No rush, then.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be neard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com Harvey: new Family Feud host

The TV game show Family Feud is getting a new referee. Series producer FremantleMedia North America said comedian Steve Harvey will take over as host from John O'Hurley when the syndicated show begins its new season next fall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Going Out

Avatars hit the workforce

For many companies, sci-fi characters are superior to humans

ELIZABETH BRAW for Metro World News

In real life Byron Reeves is a bald academic. But **Reeves also conducts** research using with as his avatar, a strapping man with hair.

"Lots of companies already use avatars," explains Reeves, a psychology professor at Stanford University. "Using avatars, you can conduct meetings, meet clients and have brainstorming sessions without having to travel. In you don't have to even

Avatar - the the leave movie version building. is still playing in And you don't risk theatres getting everywhere flu swine from shaking hands with an avatar."

Reeves, who specializes in human interaction with avatars, is the author of Total Engagement: Using Games and Virtual Worlds to Change the Way People Work and Businesses Com-

Today companies like IBM, Cisco, SAP and Boeing use avatars — 3-D characters whose age, gender and appearance the user chooses — to interact with colleagues and customers around the world.

"Thousands of people at IBM meet every week through their virtual characters," notes Reeves. "Even recruitment is done with avatars.

Soon the 3-D characters may inhabit technology-driven workplaces, too. "Avatars will

take over repetitive and boring tasks that find ıınfiilfilling,"

dicts

Reeves. "Humans still have to direct the but avatars, working them through is much more fun." Reeves's experiments show that people are more stimulated and their hearts

beat faster

when directing avatars than when doing the tasks themselves. Office environments, too, can be spiced up in 3-D.

But Avatar, the movie, won't take over Planet Earth any time soon.

"The avatars in the movie

are real-life characters. while the avatars we have now just live in a 3-D comworld," explains "On the other Reeves. hand, there are things I can do with my avatar that the people in the movie can't



Don't laugh: she may be sitting over in the next cubicle.

The 3-D Dilemma

According to experts, somewhere between five and 10 per cent of people are unable to see in 3-D. Even being slightly "cross-eyed" can affect the enjoyment of the 3-D experience. METRO WORLD NEWS

Mix of Six

Sexy Laundry

When: until Feb. 14 Where: Neptune The-

This play looks at a wife trying to rekindle the passion in her marriage after 25 vears together.

QMJHL Hockey

When: Saturday & Sunday Where: Halifax Metro Centre

The Halifax Mooseheads look to wrap up a strong home stand. Adult tickets are \$14.50.

Montreal

Danse When: Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m. Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre

A 75-minute piece, the performance is seven stories within one. Tix: \$24.

Premier Basketball League

When: Friday, 7 p.m. Where: Halifax Metro Centre

Tickets to see the Rainmen run from \$19.50 to \$24.50 for adults.

America

When: Friday, 8 p.m. Where: Casino Nova Scotia

Grammy Award winning group comes to town. Tickets are \$59.

Elvis Birthday

Tour When: Saturday

Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

Thane Dunn will be performing as the

rock 'n' roll legend.

Dark Void GAME The ietpack's alive and well. In Capcom's new sci-fi title, hu-

mans battle aliens in an alternate world with a little help from

Nikola Tesla's uplifting inven-

tion. The game flies high on the strength of its aerial battles, which takes the find-cover-then-shoot style of Gears of War into the third dimension.

SAG Awards SHOW Perhaps the only Avatar-free awards gala you'll see this year. The Screen Actor's Guild honours its members for their thespian skills tomorrow with Inglourious Basterds, Precious and Up In The Air leading the race with three nominations each.



Metro's **7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

Kitchen Nightmares

Season 3 TV Sloppy restaurateurs, take cover. Chef Gordon Ramsay is back for another round of sniffing out rogue eateries and tongue-lashing their staff into serving up better fare. Premieres Tuesday on Fox. Check local listings for

time.

Creation FILM You could go to theatres for Extraordinary Measures (if you are eveing The Tooth Fairy there is little hope for you) this week. But you'd probably be better served with this little film about Charles Darwin and how his evolutionary ideas took their toll on his family. Starring real life husband and wife Paul Bettany

and Jennifer Connelly

Sundance ST So what if it takes place in faraway Utah? If you are a film fan, you will be keeping an eye on this indie showcase. Howl (starring James Franco as Allen Ginsberg) and Restrepo (a documentary on Afghanistan) open the fest this year. There's plenty of Canadian fare too, including Grown Up Movie Star and Splice.

Transference: Spoon ALBUM They were listed as Metacritic's most acclaimed band of the decade. They even made it to the Top 10 with their last album, Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga. Heck, can you even call the Austin, Tex., band indie any more? But they might just reclaim their alt-rock status with their latest ef-

Three Days Before The Shooting: Ralph Ellison BOOK When the acclaimed African-American author (Invisible Man) died in 1994, he left behind a 2,000-page unfinished manuscript. The writing was condensed to 368 pages in 1999 for the posthumous novel, Juneteenth. Finally, Modern Library is putting things right by publishing the mammoth

work in its entirety.

fort - an off-kilter take on their own perfect-pop template.





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Harry Wilson looks for a new address

The CW has confirmed multiple online reports that Rob Estes, who plays Harry Wilson on 90210, is quitting the two-yearold series. "This is Rob's last season on 90210," according to a statement from The CW. EW.COM METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Bullriding brothers to join Amazing Race

Jet and Cord McCoy, a pair of bull-riding brothers from the state of Oklahoma, are among the 11 teams competing on the upcoming 16th edition of CBS's The Amazing Race. Other teams competing this season include a grandmother and granddaughter, a father and daughter, married high-school sweethearts, and a couple of attorney

moms.

Jet, 30, and Cord, 29, who have both competed on the International Professional Rodeo Association circuit, said they were not daunted by their competition for the \$1 million grand prize on the reality show premiering Feb. 14 (8 p.m. EST).

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"We ride bucking bulls and horses," said Jet. "If we're gonna be intimidated, it's not by another team."

"I can ride a horse as fast as they can go," said Cord.

The biggest hurdle facing Louis Stravato, 47, and Michael Naylor, 45, at the beginning of the race was their backpacks.

After seeing the behemoth bags carried by the Harlem Globtrotters last season, the longtime buddies and narcotics detectives from Providence, Rhode Island, chose not to pack lightly. They ended up ditching clothes along the way.

"We are the two biggest idiots," said Stravato. "Before the race, we kept telling ourselves that the cameramen were going to have to check their stuff, so we would be able to check our giant 90-litre bags while we

were racing around the world. When we got to the starting line and saw all these small bags on everybody else, we knew we were in big trouble."

A few of this season's contestants have previously been in



In this publicity image released by CBS, rodeo brothers Jet McCoy, a 30 year-old cowboy, left, and Cord McCoy, a 29 year-old professional bull rider

the spotlight, including former Big Brother houseguests Jordan Lloyd, 22, and Jeff Schroeder, 31, as well as former Miss Teen South Carolina Caitlin Upton, 20, who is racing with her boyfriend, Brent Horne, 28. Upton said she wanted to redeem herself on the race after her infamous 2007 pageant flub involving a confused and mangled response to a geography question.

"People always picture me as the typical pageant girl, and I'm not at all,"

said Upton.
"I've only been in five pageants.
I'm actually

a very athletic person. I'm just tired of being represented from that standpoint. I want to show people who I really am as a person, that I

am capable

of accomplishing anything and doing anything I put my mind to."

Lloyd and Schroeder, who began dating after Lloyd won the 11th season of Big Brother last summer, said fans of the claustrophobic reality show might be surprised to see how much the duo bickered on the 16th season of The Amazing Race, which was filmed last November and December and spanned nearly 40,000 miles (64,000 kilometres) across five continents and eight countries.

"I wasn't prepared for how much we had to work together," admitted Schroeder.

For the first time, when the teams departed The Amazing Race starting line, they had to rely solely on public transportation — no rental cars, no taxis — to make their way from downtown Los Angeles to the airport, a world-class challenge in itself.

The Amazing Race premiers on Feb. 14 on CBS.

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Canadian Haiti benefit to run on Canuck star power

BENEFIT Some of Canada's biggest stars including Celine Dion, James Cameron, Michael J. Fox and the Tragically Hip will be taking part in a multi-network benefit for Haiti Friday night.

CBC, CTV and Global Television will broadcast Canada for Haiti at 7 p.m. ET and PT.

Film stars who have signed on include Jason Reitman, Ryan Reynolds, William Shatner, Rachelle Lefevre, Joshua Jackson, Pamela Anderson, Eugene Levy, Norman Jewison, Tom Jackson, Will Arnett and Sandra Oh. TV personalities Brent Butt, Hugh Dillon, Mike Holmes, Rick Mercer and Alex Trebek will appear.

Musicians Justin Bieber, Nelly Furtado, Sarah McLachlan, K'naan, Barenaked Ladies, Simple Plan, David Foster, Chantal Kreviazuk, Raine Maida and Measha Brueggergosman are on board.

Humanitarian Craig Kielburger and star athletes Wayne Gretzky and Steve Nash will participate, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. Michaelle Jean will have special messages for Canadians.

More acts added to U.S. telethon

 Beyonce and Madonna have been added as performers taking part in Friday's multinetwork Hope for Haiti Now telethon, and Denzel Washington, Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio and former president Bill Clinton are among the other participants.

 A statement released Thursday said Beyonce would perform from London, and

The commercial-free show will be hosted by Cheryl Hickey, Ben Mulroney and George StroumMadonna from New York City. The list of musical performers already includes such heavyweights as Bruce Springsteen, Alicia Keys, Stevie Wonder, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake and Keith Urban.

• People can start donating even before the start of the 8 p.m. EST concert via phone and text.

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boulopoulos.

Donations collected during the broadcast will go to a number of non-profit organizations including the Canadian Red Cross Society, Care Canada, Free the Children, Oxfam Canada and UNICEF Canada.

Immediately following the show, the U.S. benefit Hope for Haiti Now will air on the same networks and on MTV, MuchMusic and National Geographic Channel.

The two-hour special will be hosted by George

Clooney.
Keith Urban, Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow plan to perform a song together, as will Bono, the Edge, Jay-Z and Ribanna

THE CANADIAN PRESS



On the heels of the news that Annette O'Toole is returning to Smallville comes word that her real-life husband, Michael McKean, will also be reprising his role as Perry White. McKean, 62, will return in the same episode in which O'Toole comes back. TVGUIDE.COM

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Entertainment

Woodpigeon takes flight

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI for Metro Canada

The day before Woodpigeon's new album came out, Mark Hamilton — the band's singer — was in his Calgary home, getting ready to lie down after a rough day. He sounds tired, only getting excited when he brings up leaving Alberta.

"I've been pretty lucky the past couple of years," he says. "I've spent five months out of the year away from here playing in places I want to go to."

His family keeps him in the city, and while Hamilton doesn't seem to mind the city too much, he admits he doesn't really fit

"Calgary's not the most open city," he says. "It has a million people with one gay bar.

Perhaps his more closed environment is one reason Hamilton hasn't addressed sexuality on his records. That is, until now. On his latest disc, Die Stadt Muzikanten, the singer - who savs he 'doesn't live in the closet, but I don't run around with the rainbow flag in my back pocket either' gets more specific about gender than he has in the

past.

"For a gay singer to be referring to gender, for me, that's a big thing," he says. "I've always said stuff like 'I love you', but I've never used gender before. On this CD I wanted to be very specific. This is who I

Although he wasn't hid-ing anything before, he says, writing this album was liberating. "In my head, when I say I love someone I'm saving I love

"I've always said stuff like 'I love you', but I've never used gender before. On this CD I wanted to be very specific. This is who I am." Mark Hamilton

another man. If I'm singing about this honestly, then why shouldn't I document that?"

That honesty comes through on a number of tracks - Our Love Is as Tall as the Calgary Tower is a haunting tune about losing a lover, while ...And as The Ship Went Down is also about a troubled rela-

tionship.
"I found myself writing songs that were about growing up past 30 and thinking about relationships I had in my life," says Hamilton.

Overall, the record which was inspired by his grandparents' life in Austria during World War II

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and their move to Canada - is easily Woodpigeon's best. Similar to Grizzly Bear, Hamilton layers his tunes with rich vocal melodies, delicate instrumentation and lots of reverb. It's all very infectious and easy on the ears

It's also Hamilton's ticket out of Calgary, and a life he once hated. A few years ago the artist was working as a writer at a stock photography company. "Any-time anyone would come talk to me, all I though about was I hate you," he

He quit, got into music more seriously and realized he can still get by. Now he works part-time at



Die Stadt Muzikanten is the new album from Calgary-based band Woodpigeon, which is fronted by Mark Hamilton, above.

a library, travels for half a year and hasn't looked

"I worked a proper job and it's not something I

ever want to go back to.' he says. "I get to wander around the world - I don't see anything wrong with that life."

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Author, musician Paul Quarrington dead at 56

Paul Quarrington, the multi-talented, awardwinning Toronto author of Whale Music, has died. He

"He passed peacefully at home in Toronto in the early hours surrounded by friends and family," said a statement on his website. "It is comforting to know that he didn't suffer; he was calm and quiet holding hands with those who were closest to him."

Quarrington, who was diagnosed with an advanced form of lung cancer last year, maintained a wideranging creative career over the past decades as a playwright, musician, writer and filmmaker.

He achieved perhaps his greatest success as a novelist and author.

He won the Governor General's Literary Award for English-language fiction in 1989 for Whale Music. He also won the Stephen Leacock Award for humour and the Canada Reads competition for King Leary, and has twice been a finalist for the Trillium Book Award.

Two of his more recent books - 2008's The Ravine and 2004's Galveston were finalists for the Scotiabank Giller Prize.

Quarrington's work ranged from novels to nonfiction, with a wide array of subject matter. A lover of sports and music, Quarrington wrote celebrated literature about topics that "I was just blown away by this writing, and that it was a guy who basically worked at a book shop on Yonge Street, a guy from the neighbourhood."

Dave Bidini

were otherwise not considered highbrow. King Leary, for instance, was about a retired hockey player living in a nursing home, while Whale Music follows a Brian Wilson-esque rockerturned-recluse.

"Exploring those subjects in kind of an interesting way — if he hadn't done that, there wouldn't have been any other example really of someone who was working in fiction and writing about those things and writing great books, former Rheostatics frontman Dave Bidini told The Canadian Press in an interview last year.

"I think, in a lot of ways my writing has been designed around Paul's work, his body of work. ... I was just blown away by this writing, and that it was a guy who basically worked at a book shop on Yonge Street, a guy from the neighbourhood, I guess. He just made it seem possible that stuff like this could be done." THE CANADIAN PRESS





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@rustyrockets If I force my cat to have sex with another cat am I an accomplice to rape? If so where does this leave dog-breeders?

@danecook I never took steroids but @ the height of my wiffle ball career I drank a Jolt cola & downed a fun dip 2 give me a lil edge up.

@alyankovic Ah, I get it now. Jay's been doing a 5-year-



Not a slice, but a scar

YOU HAVE FOR INJURIES OF THE INNER ARM? Lindsay Lohan has dismissed allegations she has been selfharming to cope with spiralling depression, insisting she is in a "wonderful place mentally, physically and spiritually," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Mean Girls star sparked fears for her health after she was photographed with a red scratch on her inner arm earlier this month. But she insists the mark is years old — and she's urging internet bloggers to stop speculating about her personal life because she's never been happier.

She tells gossip website PerezHilton.com, "I've had

that scar on my arm for a very long time now — it's funny it's just being noticed.

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surgery a while ago for an more important world isinjury I h when I was had sues to focus on!' The star, who split from her on-and-offvounger. nothing havgirlfriend again Samantha Ronson ing to do with depreslast year, was photographed embracsion or anything of the sort. ing the 29-year-old of during an event at Now back L.A. fashion boutique Church in West Hollyoff, people! There wood on Monday are night. METRO WORLD

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From alleged assault to hospital-bed hand holding

WHAT'S THAT I HEAR? OH, IT'S QUICK CHANGE OF TUNE Charlie Sheen has been allowed to visit his wife while she is in hospital with pneumonia, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor's restraining order - which was put in place following his alleged assault on Brooke Mueller on Christmas Day — was altered by Pitkin County District Judge James Boyd to allow him to visit his spouse while she is being treated at Los Angeles' Sherman Oaks Hospital.

Mueller's lawyer Yale Galanter — who confirmed the emergency ruling had been passed said, "The judge did sign an order allowing Charlie

and Brooke have to contact. order will read as

lie can see her."

The changes were made after his 32-year-old wife who he has 10-month-old twin sons Bob and Max with - fell seriously ill yesterday.

Her mother Moira Fiore explained to E! News. "Brooke had to have emergency surgery to have her wisdom tooth extracted. It became infected. The infection spread and now she has pneumonia in both lungs."

Brooke was admitted to the medical centre after suffering from a fever of 105 degrees. Her attorney said, "Brooke is still in the hospital. She's doing OK but she's not doing great. We thought there was a possibility she was going to be released (Thursday), but she's not because she has developed pneumonia in her lungs.



Her new album is called Superficial

ART IMITATING LIFE? LIFE IMI-TATING ART? ART? LIFE? WHAT AM I SAYING? Heidi Montag's debut album may have set a record - just not a good one, us-magazine.com reports. In its first week of release, The Hills star's album, Superficial, has sold less than 1,000 copies, according to Nielsen Soundscan.

In fact, industry sources tell usmagazine.com that the album has sold only 658 downloads to date.

This is likely upsetting news for the reality star, who told Entertainment Weekly last week that she went broke making Superficial but thought that within the first week,

we will definitely make our money back."

She told EW, "I put every dollar I have into this. I've spent over \$1 million, almost \$2 million, on this album. on It's cost as more than a Britnev

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Tara was so happy'

ALTHOUGH YOU COULDN'T TELL BY LOOKING AT HER FACE Reid's boyfriend Michael Axtmann, 34, has asked for her hand in marriage, people.com reports. Tara was so happy," the actress' rep tells People exclusively.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Pampering mini P. Diddy properly

LUCKILY, HE'S HAVING NORMAL CHILDHOOD

P. Diddy is hosting a Prince of New Yorktheme 16th birthday party his son, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The rap superstar's

forming. A source told the New York Post newspaper, "The club will be decorated with images from the New York skyline. "Diddy will per-form with his band, Diddy-Dirty Money."

The A-List guest list

Justin — his child with his

high school sweetheart. designer Misa Hylton-Brim

- reached the landmark

age in December and now

Diddy is organizing him a

special star-studded bash,

which will be filmed for

MTV show My Super Sweet 16. The party will take place at a New York night-

club on Saturday night and Chris Brown will be per-

have been told not to bring a gift but make a donation to the Haiti fund to help earthquake victims.



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Take Five

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5	2					9	7
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	3					6	
		2	9	4	7		
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			8	1			
8	5					1	9

1 Scenery chewer 4 Resort 7 Wimbledon surface 12 Chicken-king link

13 Stolen 14 Proportion 15 Old soldier 16 Henny Young-

man's repertoire 18 Make up your mind 19 Hatred 20 Bistro name starter, often 22 Type measures 23 Movie pig 27 "— Town

29 Cheap

mission

Iesse 34 Sports venue 35 Requiring bicolored glasses 37 "CSI" evidence 38 Fly catcher? 39 — Today 41 Opening day? 45 Memorable

31 Track legend

47 Illustrations 48 Bluff 52 Dove's call 53 Bring the meal 54 Funnyman

DeLuise 55 Pump up the volume 56 Words to live

by 57 Officeholders 58 Existed

1 Devastation 2 Hebrew letter 3 Photo finish 4 "Get outta here!" 5 Mull over 6 Had a homecooked meal 7 Somber 8 Operated 9 Goddess of foolhardiness 10 Madam's counterpart 11 "Mayday!" 17 A deadly sin 21 Like urban land

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2 4

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8 9

9 2 3 7 4 1

3 7

23 Powdered cleaning agent 24 Copper head? 25 Crib 26 Timetable abbr. 28 Work with

30 Ashen 31 Mel of Cooperstown 32 Personal ques-

tion? 33 Historic time 36 Lackluster 37 Variety of plum

40 Riyadh resident 42 Showy parrot 43 Bakery lure

44 Subway stations 45 Kind of hairdo 46 Resistance

units 48 Radio watchdog org. 49 Rowing need

50 Salt Lake City athlete 51 Scarlet

1 5 7 9 8 3 6

8 9 5 1 4 2

I KNOW, BUT THEY WERE FREE!

6 9 2 8 3 4 5

8 5 4 1 6 2 7

1 2 7

1 2 6 3 4 7 9

4 5 8 9 6 2 3 1 7

1 7 6 3 5 8 9 2 4

1

9

5 6

1 lb (500 g) lean ground pork

curry paste in oil

2 tbsp (25 mL) Canola oil 7 oz (200 g) bok choy, sliced lengthwise 6 oz (175 g) ovster mushrooms, sliced 3/4 cup (175 ml) coconut milk

1 tsp (5 ml) fish sauce

METHOD:

1. Mix scallions, pork, curry paste, lemon grass and egg white until evenly bound together, pressing mixture firmly with back of mixing spoon.

then shape into patties,

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Thai Pork Patties with Bok Choy

INGREDIENTS:

4 scallions, finely chopped

1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) Thai green 2 tsp (10 mL) lemon grass

1 egg white

1 tbsp (15 ml) sesame seeds

2. Divide mixture into 12,

flattening with your fingers.

3. Heat 1 tbsp (15 mLl oil in heavy-based frying pan and fry patties, turning once, 8-10 minutes or until golden brown and thoroughly cooked.

4. While patties are frying, heat a wide frying pan or wok with remaining oil and add bok choy and mushrooms. Stir-fry over high heat 2-3 minutes to soften.

5. Stir coconut milk and fish sauce into vegetables, bring to boil; simmer 1 minute. Serve pork patties with bok choy and coconut mixture, sprinkled with sesame seeds.

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Sometimes you don't tell loved ones how much they mean to you as often as you should but you'll make up for it today.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

No effort will be too much for you over the next few days. It does not matter how lofty your goal may be you will reach it

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21 You must be extra careful what you allow yourself to think

over the next 24 hours because your imagination is very powerful at the moment

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
You will know instinctively if what you are being told is the truth or a fabrication — and you won't hesitate to cut a deceiver out of your life.

GEMINI

On the web

MAY 22-JUNE 21 You can ask almost anything of anyone today and it won't be refused. It will be easy for you to persuade friends and rivals to give you what you need.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

Someone needs your help and is silently pleading for you to step in and rescue them. You won't let them down.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

There are some strong emotions about at the moment and

if you are not careful you could get swept away on a tide of excess sentiment

CAPRICORN DEC 22-IAN 20

You will get the chance to make some powerful new friends to-day and over the weekend, and you are not the sort to turn down an opportunity like that.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You will say or do something outrageous today — and you will get away with it. You will manage, just, to keep this side of turning people against you.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18 So many things will go right today it's almost as if you have someone "up there" on your side making sure everything falls into place.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

The only danger today is that you will allow someone to persuade you to buy something that you cannot really afford.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
There is every possibility that you will be lucky financially to-day. Most likely an investment you made a long time ago will pay off at last.

This day in history

1905: Bloody Sunday in St. Petersburg, beginning of the 1905 revo-

1906: SS Valencia runs aground on rocks on Vancouver Island,

B.C., killing more than 130. 1917: First World War: President Woodrow Wilson calls for "peace without victory" in Europe.

1963: The Elysée treaty of cooperation between France and Germany is signed by Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer. 1984: The Apple Macintosh, the first consumer computer to popularize the computer mouse and the graphical user interface, is introduced during Super Bowl XVIII with its famous "1984" television commercial.



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